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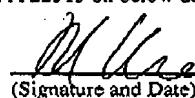
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MULTITRACK OPTICAL DISK READER

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REPLY BRIEF

Sir:

Responsive to the Examiner's Answer of 07/23/2007, Applicant replies as follows to new points of arguments raised in the Answer.

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CORRECT INTERPRETATION OF "MAXIMUM NUMBER OF TRACKS"

The broadest *reasonable* interpretation of a claim and the broadest *possible* interpretation of a claim are two different things. The Examiner's Answer takes the position that "the maximum number of tracks" recited in claim 6 should be interpreted as the total number of tracks on the optical disc. This interpretation is broader than is reasonable and contrary to the normal reading of the claim, and therefore incorrect.

Lines 2-3 of claim 6 recite "a multitrack optical pick up for reading data from multiple tracks of an optical disc and outputting data from each track in respective data streams." The later recitation "wherein the reader can use less than the maximum number of tracks" clearly and unambiguously refers back to this prior recitation. The maximum number of tracks is therefore properly understood to mean the maximum number of tracks that the multitrack optical pick up can read data and output data streams for at one time.

Reversal of the rejection and allowance of claim 6 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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